

BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b) )  
Table of Allotments )  
FM Broadcast Station )  
(Saranac Lake, New York) )

MM Docket No. 99-85  
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Mass Media Bureau

**REPLY COMMENTS**

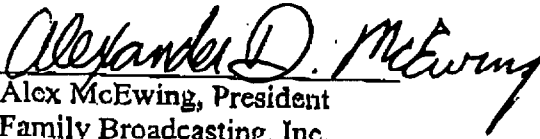
Family Broadcasting, Inc. ("FBI"), licensee of Station WGLY(FM), Waterbury, Vermont, proposes an alternative channel at Westport, New York for the Commission's consideration. On May 10, 1999, Westport Broadcasting filed a Counterproposal suggesting that the Commission allot either Channel 227A or Channel 296A as a new channel for Saranac Lake, New York and Channel 275A in place of Channel 273A for WCLX(FM) at Westport, New York. FBI does not object to the alternate channels proposal at Saranac Lake. However the substitution of Channel 275A for Channel 273A for WCLX at Westport would have an impact on future plans to upgrade Station WGLY which operates on Channel 277C3.

In order to allow WCLX to improve its facility to 6 kW, FBI proposes that the Commission substitute Channel 248A at Westport instead. A channel study for Channel 248A is attached. The study specifies new coordinates for WCLX. However, Mr. Dennis Jackson of Westport Broadcasting has been contacted and he has provided a statement in which he consents to the new channel and new site coordinates. FBI was just recently made aware of this pending rule making.

FBI has been concurrently working on the proposal to upgrade its facilities on Channel 277C3 to Channel 277C2, this proposal will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

FBI also provides a map which shows that Channel 248A at Westport will not overlap Station CHOM, Montreal, Canada as requested by the U.S./Canada Treaty. Therefore, the Commission should send this proposal to Canada for its concurrence. FBI asks the Commission to consider Channel 248A at Westport, New York instead of Channel 275A. In doing so, WCLX can obtain its requested improvement to a 6 kW Class A station and WGLY can file a proposal for its own upgrade to Channel 277C2 at Waterbury.

I hereby verify that the statements contained in these Reply Comments are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

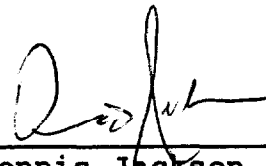
  
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May 25, 1999

STATEMENT

Westport Broadcasting ("Westport") has been approached by Family Broadcasting, Inc. ("FBI") and asked by FBI to accept the allotment of Channel 248A instead of Channel 275A at Westport, New York. This is to advise the Commission that Westport consents to such a change and would accept the allotment of Channel 248A instead of Channel 275A at Westport, New York at a new transmitter site.

WESTPORT BROADCASTING

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Jackson', is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Jackson, Principal

# TABLE I

## ALLOCATION STUDY FOR CHANNEL 248A

### WESTPORT, NEW YORK

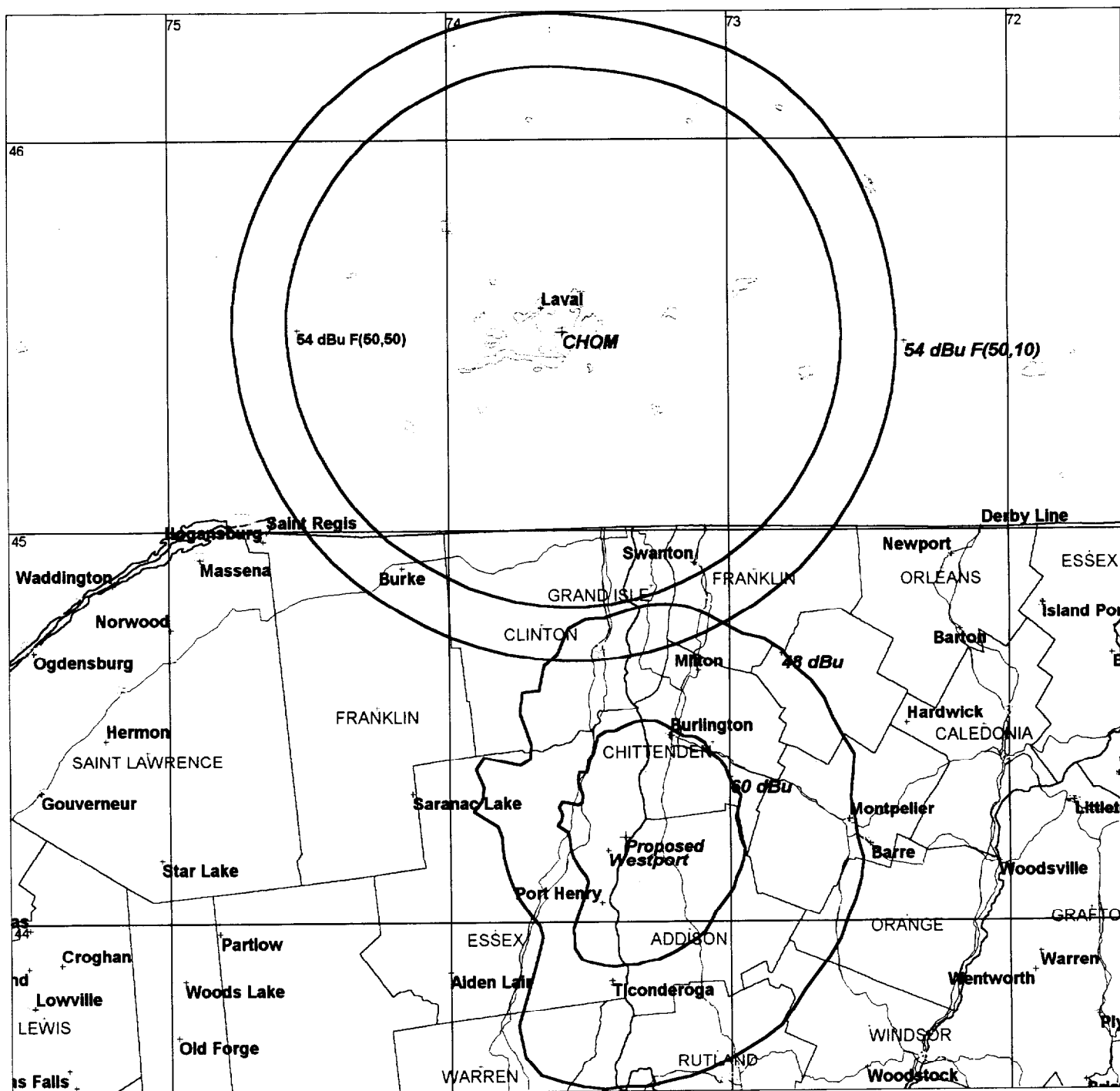
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Search of channel 248A6 (97.5 MHz), at N. 44 13 0, W. 73 22 30.  
(PROPOSED ALLOTMENT COORDINATES)

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Rutland	VT	246	C2	U	81.3	55.0	146.8°	26.3
WZRT	Rutland	VT	246	C2	L	81.3	55.0	146.8°	26.3
ALC	Sherbrooke	QU	247	C1		175.8	168.0	41.6°	7.8
ALC	Sherbrooke	QU	247	C1		175.8	168.0	41.6°	7.8
W247AG	South Burlington	VT	247	D	C	29.3	0.0	27.1°	29.3
ALC	Watertown	NY	248	C1	U	200.0	200.0	261.7°	-0.0
ALC	Hoosick Falls	NY	248	A	U	148.6	115.0	177.6°	33.6
WFRYFM	Watertown	NY	248	C1	L	200.0	200.0	261.7°	-0.0
WZEC	Hoosick Falls	NY	248	A	L	150.8	115.0	175.6°	35.8
CHOMFM	Montreal	QU	249	C1		144.3	168.0	353.2°	-23.7 1
ALC	Lyndon	VT	249	C3	U	124.4	89.0	71.6°	35.4
WGMT	Lyndon	VT	249	C3	L	124.4	89.0	71.6°	35.4
ALC	Rutland	VT	251	C2	U	81.3	55.0	146.8°	26.3
WJJR	Rutland	VT	251	C2	L	81.3	55.0	146.8°	26.3

1 See contour clearance study for CH 248A, FIGURE 1

FIGURE 1 CH 248A CONTOUR STUDY TO CHOM CH 249C1



RadioSoft Communication Study Mapping Program V1.5 May 1999

Scale 1:1643000

— FM Service — FM Interfering — County Borders — Highways — State Borders — Lat-Lon Grids — City Borders

50 Km

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Alex McEwing, do hereby certify that I have on this 25th day of May, 1999 caused to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "Reply Comments" to the following:

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